

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

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CLOSURE OF COLLIERIES BY ECL
MINATISEN

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to close down eight unproductive mines and a productive colliery No.2 Chinakuri of Sodpore area in Eastern Coalfields Ltd. inspite of the fact that this colliery has large reserves of coal and supply a high quality coal to electricity generating centres like Santaldihi, Durgapur, Rourkela, DPL, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to safeguard the interests of the workers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) : In Eastern Coalfields Limited(ECL)operations in 5(five) coal mines including Chinakuri II have already been suspended for reasons of exhaustion of reserves in working seams, economic unviability and on safety ground. Mining operation in Chinakuri-IImine has been suspended due to exhaustion of reserve in working seam. Operations in 4 (four) more mines are proposed to be suspended on the grounds mentioned above. To meet the shortfall in production due to suspension of operation, the manpower and assets of these mines will be utilized in the neighbouring potential mines to increase production. The coal linkage to electricity generating station like Santaldihi, Durgapur Rourkella and DPL will not suffer due to above suspension of production.

(b) :

(i) : In ECL the name of the mines where production operations have already been suspended are as follows :-

1. Samla
2. Kapasara
3. Bhamuria (A unit of Parbelia)
4. Kuardih 11 & 12 PIT
5. Chinakuri Mine No. II

(ii) The name of the mines where mining operations are proposed to be suspended due to exhaustion of reserves, economic unviability and on safety ground are as follows:-

1. Lachipur (RD unit)
2. Madhusudanpur 3 &4 PIT
3. Chakballavpur
4. Khoirabad

(c) : The assets and workers of the mines where operations have been suspended are being gainfully utilized in the neighbouring potential mines to boost up production and there will be no retrenchment of workers on account of suspension of operations of the mines.